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and PT boats armed with ranges up to 80 miles.

This is the alarming report Rep. James Fulton, R-Pa, turned over to House leaders after a two-day on-the-spot inspection-briefing tour of the Navy's strategic base at Guantanamo, Cuba.

PROBERS GET DATA - Fulton, a member of the House Space Committee, also reported his findings to Rep. A. Paul Kitchin's Special House Investigation subcommittee, which is

probing arms shipments to Cuba.

Fulton told the bipartisan group of legislators, and this column, that the ship totals were given by naval intelligence officers during the Guantanamo briefing arranged for his congressional party, which included four other senators and representatives.

The intelligence experts estimated that two-thirds of the 213 ships carried either arms or military personnel from Russia. The remaining one-third unloaded such supplies as

cotton, rice, oil and jet fuel.

Fulton also revealed that he got a first-hand look at a number of Soviet bloc cargo ships. Accompanied by a fighter escort, the Navy flew him over the ships as they made their way toward Cuban ports near Guantanamo.

STRANGE REPORTING - This foreboding report was in contrast to Undersecretary George W. Ball's soothing State Department report to the Kitchin committee on Oct. 3. Ball

reported:

"In the last few weeks, we have read much in the newspapers of the military buildup in Cuba by the Soviet Union. Quite clearly it does not constitute a threat to the United States."

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Ball's figure of 85 shiploads of arms is at variance with a Navy report sent to the State Department the day before he testified. This naval estimate, dated Oct. 2, fully supported Fulton's figures as obtained in his Sept. 29-30 briefing.

Kitchin, vigorously questioning much of Ball's testimony, plans to recall the undersecretary this week to quiz him on the naval shipping data.

GETTING THE FACTS - Already Kitchin has requested the Defense Department to furnish detailed information on the Soviet arms buildup to determine the accuracy of a number of other statements made by Ball.

For example, the North Carolina legislator wants the full story on the four "cruise-type" SS-N1 missiles which

the State Department now admits are in Cuba.

When he appeared before the committee, Ball contended that these missiles have a range of only 20 to 35 miles. Kitchin challenged this, stating he had information that the missiles can travel more than 130 nautical miles when guided

by ships or planes.

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